Armagh appeal yields response

(Margaret Canning, Irish News)

An appeal for information on the whereabouts of the remains of 'the Disappeared' which was made at Masses in the archdiocese of Armagh last weekend has elicited some response, it was confirmed yesterday (Friday).

A spokesman for the Independent Commission for the Location of Victims Remains said the information, which was given in confidence, would be followed up by the commission's investigation team.

There is no indication of the volume of responses to the appeal.

"I should put it in context that for most of the cases, the information we are getting would be additional information where we already have some primary sources," the spokesman said.

The appeal, which is also to be made in other dioceses, had been accompanied by newspaper advertisements in national and local papers.

The appeal is to be made at Masses in the dioceses of Dublin and Down and Connor the weekend after next.

The commission was set up in 1999 to locate the bodies of nine people murdered and buried by the IRA.

The paramilitary group has admitted to being responsible for the deaths of Seamus Wright, Kevin McKee, Jean McConville, Columba McVeigh, Brendan Megraw, John McClory, Brendan McKinney, Danny McIlhone and Eamon Molloy.

On the morning the commission was formed, the body of Eamon Molloy was left in a coffin in Faughart graveyard in Co Louth.

The remains of Mr McClory and Mr McKinney were found in searches by the Garda in June that year.

Mrs McConville's remains were recovered by walkers on a
beach in Co Louth on 2003.

The commission is also probing the deaths of Charles Armstrong, Gerard Evans and British army officer Robert Nairac, all of whom disappeared from Co Armagh, and Seamus Ruddy, who disappeared in France.

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